



MAINELY NEWS

Serving Our Community Since 1850

KIMBERLY JONES, Supervisor

Spring 2026



Catching Up with Kim

Greetings! It seems the dark days of winter are in our rearview mirror. With the promise of spring around the corner, I'd like to make you aware of some upcoming events we have planned.

The North Shore Legal Aid Clinic will be presenting our residents with important information on topics such as tenant rights, the eviction process and how it works and the rental assistance options they provide. The presentation will be here at Maine Township on April 7th between 6-7pm.

On Saturday, April 18th between 9am-noon we will be collaborating with Senator Laura Murphy's office to sponsor an Electronics Recycling Day. The event is restricted to Maine Township residents and we are limiting the number of items for recycling to 5 per household with one television allowed. Please remember to bring your id for residency verification.

Saturday, May 16th we will be offering a shredding event to our residents. Each household may bring up to 3 grocery bags of shredding material. Please remember to remove any metal clips and rubber bands. No spiral notebooks, please. This event will run from 9am-noon or until the truck reaches capacity, whichever happens first.

I'd also like to remind you of some of the services and resident outreach opportunities we offer. If you need a ride to an appointment, the food pantry, Township programs or local stores, our ride program is wheelchair accessible and takes appointments on a first come, first serve basis.

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Shuttle Bus Service Keeps Maine Township Moving

Need a ride to a township program, appointment, or service? Call us! Wheelchair accessible rides to appointments, the food pantry, Township programs, local stores and more on a first come, first serve basis, depending on availability.

Now scheduling morning and afternoon appointments. For more information or to schedule a ride, call **847-297-2510**.



Maine Township Receives Multiple Awards



left: Elected officials and staff at the TOI Conference in Springfield

Maine Township Receives Two Statewide Awards

MaineStay Director Richard Lyon received the 2025 AITCOY Director of the Year Award and Art Mollenhauer received the 2025 AITCOY Volunteer Award at the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Educational Conference in Springfield.

Maine Township Recognized with National Award

From nominations received across the country, Maine Township was selected as a CivicPlus 2025 Community Impact Award Winner for efforts to modernize our long-running Community Garage Sale by moving vendor registration and payments online. As part of the award, CivicPlus made a \$1,000 donation on behalf of Maine Township to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago.



Catching Up with Kim

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The first Wednesday of every month Maine Township holds our Neighborhood Watch meetings at 7pm in our boardroom. This meeting allows our residents an opportunity to meet representatives from our North Maine Fire Department and Sheriff's Office. They each give an update of things that are happening in our community. We also have a Maine Township board member that is there to address any questions or concerns you may have. The Neighborhood Watch meeting is a great way to meet people in our community and get a pulse of current events.

One last thing I'd like to mention is our Little Free Library and our Little Free Pantry. If you have any books that you would like to donate or if you're looking for a good read please stop by our little library and either take a book or donate a book. Our little free food pantry accepts donations of non-perishable food items. The pantry operates on the same principle as the library, take what you need or make a donation.

These are just a brief summary of some of the services that Maine Township offers. We welcome you to stop by and take advantage of any services that meet your current needs.

Happy Spring! •



TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, Asif Malik

For our Maine Township residents who observe Ramadan, we are reminded of the values of reflection, generosity, and caring for one another.

This is a season to support members of our community who may be facing hardship.

We are fortunate to live in a community that is home to people from many different backgrounds and faith traditions. Whether Muslim, Christian, Jewish or some other faith altogether, diversity is one of our Township's greatest strengths.

One of the Township's core values is caring for our neighbors. Sharing acts of charity, kindness, and mutual support are encouraged throughout the month, reinforcing the idea that no one should feel alone during difficult times. In this spirit, community assistance programs play an essential role in helping individuals and basic needs with dignity and respect.

Maine Township offers a General Assistance Program designed to support residents who are experiencing financial hardship. This program helps eligible individuals and families with essential needs such as housing-related expenses, utilities, food support, and other basic necessities.

This goal is not only providing short-term relief, but also to help residents regain stability and move forward with confidence.

Spreading awareness of available resources is an important act of compassion. By supporting one another and sharing information, we strengthen the Maine Township community.

Maine Township Agency Day



Maine Township's 43rd annual Agency Day will be held **May 1 from 8:30 am - 1 pm** at Manzo's Banquets. This event provides a great opportunity for local organizations to network and exchange information about services in the Maine Township community and is open to employees from social service agencies, non-profits, schools, churches, hospitals, and units of government. Thanks to Gateway Foundation, Recovery Centers of America, Trinity Services, Jeffrey A. Rabin & Associates, Ltd., and Des Plaines Community Foundation for sponsoring this event. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Cost is \$35/person. *Registration deadline is April 22, and advance registration is required at mainetown.com/agencyday.*



Join us for Commissioner Corral Sepúlveda's annual wellness fair!

SAVE THE DATE

6 JUNE 2026

Water & Wellness

MAINE TOWNSHIP
COMMISSIONER
Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

MaineStay Youth & Family Services - Upcoming Programs

For over 50 years, MaineStay has faithfully served the Maine Township community with the mission of building healthier families by providing affordable, strength-based counseling, prevention initiatives, and comprehensive youth and educational programs that support growth, resilience, and well-being.

Upcoming Programs Include:

- **Seeds of Friendship: Fostering Healthy Relationships Among Girls** - March 17 | 4-4:50 pm | 8 weeks | girls in grades 2-5 | free
- **Kids Spring Fest** - March 27 | 1-3 pm | ages 6-12 | free
- **Hooked on Crochet** - March 31 | 4-5 pm | 8 weeks | grades 4-9 | free
- **Crochet Club** - March 31 | 4-5 pm | 8 weeks | grades 4-9 | free
- **Clay Creators: Beginner Pottery** - April 2 | 5-6:30 pm | 8 weeks | ages 9-13 | \$20
- **Family Fun Nights** - April 2 | 6-7:30 pm | families with children ages 5 and up | free
- **Mother's Day Paint and Snack** - May 11 | 6-7:30 pm | ages 5+ | free

right: Pottery participant shows off a newly-created work of art



- **Family Fun Nights** - May 14 | 6-7:30 pm | families with children ages 5 and up | free
- **Summer Camp** - June 15-25 & July 13-23 | 9 am - 3 pm | 2 weeks | ages 8-13 | \$50

For a full list of MaineStay programs, dates, and online registration, visit mainetown.com/mainestay or scan the QR code.



Maine Township Foundation Food Pantry

As we welcome spring, warmer weather, and blooming flowers, the Maine Township Food Pantry would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible community for an amazing holiday season.

Your generosity was on full display throughout November and December. Because of you, our shelves were well stocked during one of the busiest and most important times of the year. Our retail and corporate partners provided hams, turkeys, pies, and all the fixings that made it possible for families to enjoy complete holiday meals. Local schools, churches, community groups, and individual donors were equally generous, filling our pantry and storage areas with food and essential personal care items. It was truly inspiring to see our community come together to support neighbors in need.

As we move into spring, we're reminded that hunger knows no season. The abundance we experienced during the holidays has now been shared with families throughout Maine Township. While we continue to provide food and personal care necessities to those who rely on us, ongoing donations allow us to offer greater variety and choice to the individuals and families we serve.

At this time, we are especially in need of the following items:

Non-Perishable Food Items: Condiments, spices, flour, sugar, pancake mix, syrup, cooking oil, boxed cereal, oatmeal, bagged lentils (split pea, garbanzo), canned baked beans, ramen, canned chicken, cake mix and frosting, corn muffin mix, crackers, nuts, salt, and pepper.

Personal Care Items: Diapers (child and adult sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene pads, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, and razors.

Household Items: Laundry pods and detergent, dish soap, and general cleaning supplies.



Every donation — large or small — makes a meaningful difference. Your continued support helps ensure that no one in our community goes without basic necessities.

On behalf of everyone at the Maine Township Food Pantry, thank you for your compassion, generosity, and commitment to helping our neighbors. Together, we are making a lasting impact.

left: Our volunteers working hard during distribution



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Susan Moylan Krey

2025 First Installment Property Tax Bill Due April 1, 2026

First installment property tax bills are typically mailed in early February and due on March 1. This year, however, bills will not be mailed until early March and will instead be due on **April 1, 2026**. The first installment amount will equal **55% of the prior year's total tax bill**.

The Illinois State Legislature approved this one-time extension to provide taxpayers with additional time between property tax payments. Last year's second installment bills, which are normally due August 1, 2025, were postponed until December 15 due to issues with Cook County's new computer system. Without legislative action, taxpayers would have had only approximately two and a half months between due dates.

Exemptions, Exemptions, Exemptions

Property tax exemptions are an important tool for keeping tax bills affordable. Applications for the 2025 tax year are expected to be available in mid-March. Exemptions are always reflected on the Second Installment Property Tax Bill.

Homeowner - Own and occupy the property effective January 1, 2025. The exemption renews automatically.

Senior - born in 1960 or prior. This exemption renews automatically.

Low-Income Senior Assessment Freeze "Senior Freeze" - Household income from the income tax year 2024 needs to be less than \$65,000. This exemption must be applied for annually.

Persons with Disabilities - Disabled or became disabled in 2025. This exemption renews automatically.

Veteran with Disabilities - Veterans with a service-connected disability of 30 % or greater, as certified by the US Department of Veteran Affairs, can receive an exemption. Generally, the exemption must be applied for annually.

World War II Exemption - Veterans who were members of the United States Armed Forces beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946. This exemption must be applied for annually.

The information above highlights only the most common exemptions, and additional rules may apply when determining eligibility. For complete details, please visit the Cook County Assessor's website at www.cookcountyassessor.com or contact Maine Township for assistance with applying for these exemptions.

Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM

For more information, call 847-297-2510, ext. 255, email smkrey@mainetown.com or visit www.mainetown.com

Recovery Connection

Maine Township recently installed a vending machine that offers free naloxone (Narcan), a prescription medicine that can stop the effect of opioid overdose and help a person start breathing again. The machine is located in our General Assistance Department and is accessible to the public from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.



The machine joins our other robust services that fight drug and alcohol addiction including community education as well as our Recovery Connection program where we help individuals and their families find treatment, and long term support through meetings, social events and resources.




TENANT RIGHTS PRESENTATION

Join North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic Housing Outreach Coordinator Allison Keller for a chance for tenants to learn more about:

- Tenant rights
- The eviction process
- Available rental assistance options



Date: April 7th, 6-7pm
Location: Maine Township
 1700 W. Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068
 Phone: 847-297-2510



For questions, please contact Allison:
 Phone: (224) 805-5885
 Email: akeller@nslegalaid.org
www.nslegalaid.org



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Ed Beauvais,
Highway Commissioner

As it has been a few months since our last Mainely News edition, we hope everyone is off to a great start in 2026.

We also hope you have been staying warm and safe during this frigid winter. It has brought us snow, a lot of ice, and very low temperatures. Luckily, we have had warmer breaks in the weather, and our amazing crew has continued to step up to keep our roads safe. With these weather extremes, they have been on call and putting in a lot of extra hours! I would personally like to thank them for their hard work and for showing up consistently when called upon.

Once spring decides to break through, we will begin transitioning from snow command right to our annual infrastructure improvement projects! This year we will be focusing the majority of our efforts on drainage issues alongside pavement repair and replacement. We will begin the first phase of a very large and extensive drainage project near Maine North. This will be a multi year phased project that will help alleviate stagnant drainage in and around area neighborhoods. Work will also involve replacement of outdated sewer pipe that runs under our roadway.

Another drainage project that we have prioritized will be adjacent to the Greenwood Circle area. This will include some grading and water flow improvements around both the unincorporated area and in a part of the corporated Niles area. Both drainage projects will give area residents efficient flood relief. We will also be doing some paving on roads deemed to be the highest priority along with curbs and sidewalk replacement where necessary.

The Highway Department's Invest in Cook sidewalk and bike lane project along Church St and Western was completed last year just before winter took hold! I look forward to seeing residents out safely riding their bikes, taking a walk, and not being worried about having to walk in the grass or in the roadway as was the case before the improvements were made. Safety is our number one priority so please continue to remain visible, obey the rules



of the road, pay attention to your surroundings and use caution around motorists, pedal cyclists and pedestrians alike.

I look forward to seeing you all out in the community at the many great events this spring and summer. Thanks as always for allowing me the awesome responsibility to lead the organization that I love so much. My life has been truly enhanced by serving as Highway Commissioner and having the opportunity to interact with the entire community.

Hours: Monday-Friday from 7 AM to 3:30 PM
***Appointment Required* Call 847-297-5225**

Tree branch pick up begins in April and is the 3rd Monday of each month through September. To report an emergency dial 911. If you leave a voicemail, please include your name, address & phone number or for quickest response send us an email at highway@mainetown.com. If your vehicle was parked in a restricted area and towed please call Gene's Village Towing at 847-537-9693.

Spring Cleaning Drive-Up Events

Maine Township is collaborating with Senator Laura Murphy (28th) to host an **Electronics Recycling Day** on **Saturday, April 18 from 9am-12pm** at town hall. Limit of five electronic items from each residential address, no more than one television. No commercial/business items. **Maine Township residents only** - bring identification showing you reside within Maine Township.

Have documents that you need shredded? Bring them to the **Maine Township Shred Event** on **Saturday, May 16 from 9am-12pm** (or when truck reaches capacity). You can bring up to 3 grocery bags. Make sure to remove clips and rubber bands, no spiral notebooks. **Maine Township residents only** - bring identification showing you reside within Maine Township.



2026 Reilly-Bialczak Summer Camp Scholarship

Are You Planning to Send Your Child to Summer Camp This Year?

Maine Township may be able to help! Apply for the Reilly-Bialczak Summer Camp Scholarship for financial assistance towards local Park Districts Summer Day Camp programs.

Contact our office in **April 2026**, for details about eligibility requirements and application information.

Call the General Assistance department at **847-297-2510 x236**

Let's make summer 2026 fun, safe, and accessible for every child!



CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Peter Gialamas

Hello Everyone,

This will be my 13th year serving as the chairman of the Maine Township National Night Out Against Crime event. I can't believe I have been involved with this wonderful organization for that long. This year it will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at Dee Park in Des Plaines. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on the planning committee which meets a total of four times in the months leading up to the event or to help out on the night of the event. We also greatly appreciate donations from our local business partners that we use for raffle prizes or to help offset the cost of the event. We usually get around six hundred residents that come out to participate in a night of games, entertainment and meeting the Cook County Sheriff's officers that help to keep our community safe. Please feel



free to contact me at pgialamas@mainetown.com if you would like to help out. Have a great spring everyone!

Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM
For more information, call 847-297-2510, ext. 222,
email pgialamas@mainetown.com
or visit www.mainetown.com

General Assistance



Representatives from the Greater Chicago Food Depository joined the General Assistance department during food pantry distribution to share information about SNAP changes and share General Assistance Services with clients.

Nominations Sought for Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award

Nominations are being sought for the 2026 Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award which will be presented to a Maine Township resident who has demonstrated strong support and dedication to his/her community. **The winner will be recognized at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 14.**

You can visit mainetown.com for an application or pick one up in person by visiting **Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge**, during regular business hours of 9 am to 5 pm weekdays. The deadline for submission is April 1.

Completed forms can be mailed to Clerk Peter Gialamas, at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068 or sent via email to info@mainetown.com. *Any individual with a formal or informal relationship to any Maine Township elected official or Township staff member is barred from nominating someone or receiving the award.* **For more information, please call 847-297-2510.**

Android Cell Phone Computer Class (Town Hall)

1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge
Monday, June 15, 2026 | 2-3:30 pm | No Charge

Instructor: Joshua Deleon, Digital Services Assistant, Niles-Maine District Library

Topic: Android Upkeep: Stay Fast, Stay Secure

Learn how to optimize, update, and secure your Android device, ensuring it runs smoothly and stays protected. Perfect for all skill levels!

*To Register Please Call 847-297-2510 ext. 275
or email obukaczyk@mainetown.com*



Little Library

Maine Township resident Dr. Bud Phillips taking a look at our selection of books.

MaineStreamers, Enhancing Lives After 55+

Hop on our coach bus as we head out onto one of our exciting upcoming day trips or events.

MaineStreamers Summer Breakfast Buffet - Informative

Come and enjoy a delicious Breakfast Buffet followed by a presentation by Barry Bradford "Julia Child: Chef and Spy". This presentation explores her double life - from being a spy to becoming America's most beloved TV Chef.



Suffs - Musical, CIBC Theatre, Day Trip

Direct from Broadway comes the acclaimed Tony Award winning musical *Suffs* about the brilliant, passionate, and funny American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote.



Lambeau Field Stadium Tour, Day Trip

Learn how Lambeau Field helped shape the Packers' unique financial success on this guided tour. You'll explore the stadium, visit the press box, team locker rooms, and even walk through the tunnel onto the field.



Members Enjoying Day Trips and Events



"Behind the Scenes" tour of Pesche's Garden Center given by Chris Pesche



Tour of the Chicago Fed Museum



National Public Housing Museum in Chicago, the only museum of its kind in the country



Ocean's Rat Pack Luncheon & Show, Des Plaines Theater

Joining MaineStreamers

For more information on this FREE membership, contact the MaineStreamers department at **847-297-2510** or visit maintown.com/mainestreamers.



90+ Birthday Celebration

Residents in Maine Township who are 90 years and older in 2026 are invited to our 90+ Birthday Celebration, which will be held on **Thursday, May 14** at Chateau Ritz.

If you would like to celebrate your 90+ Birthday with us, please call **847-297-2510 ext. 252** to register. A separate invitation will be mailed out to all registered!

Registration Deadline May 1st

Maine Events

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Kids Spring Fest - Friday, March 27, 1-3PM

Apr
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Tuesday

Annual Town Meeting - Tuesday, April 14, 7PM

Apr
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Saturday

Electronics Recycling - Saturday, April 18, 9AM-noon

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Annual Township Agency Day - Friday, May 1, 8:30 AM-1PM

May
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Monday

Mother's Day Paint and Snack - Monday, May 11, 6-7:30 PM

May
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Thursday

MaineStreamers' 90+ Birthday Celebration - Thursday, May 14

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Shred Event - Saturday, May 16, 9AM-noon

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Android Cell Phone Computer Class - Monday, June 15, 2-3:30PM



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Upcoming Meetings & Building Closures

Board Meetings on March 24, April 28, May 26, and June 30 at 7 PM

Annual Town Meeting on April 14 at 7 PM

Offices closed on May 25 for Memorial Day, and June 19 for Juneteenth.

Neighborhood Watch - first Wednesday of every month at Town Hall, 7 PM

For other meetings, please call 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintown.com

How to Contact Our Departments

Main Phone 847-297-2510

Departments/Extension Numbers

- Assessor's Office ext. 255
- Clerk's Office ext. 222
- Code Enforcement Officer . . ext. 259
- General Assistance. ext. 236
- MaineStreamers ext. 260
- MaineStay Youth & Family Services ext. 261
- Recovery Connection ext. 233
- Office of Emergency Management ext. 232
- Highway Department. . 847-297-5225

You may also e-mail any department by accessing the Township website: www.maintown.com

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